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ACTIVITIES OF THE EX-MUFTI

You may care to see the attached report which was obtained from a regular Palestine Arab source. It will be observed that paragraph 1 appears partially to confirm the information contained in our P/416 of 3rd January. Some slight confirmation has also been provided by our source [redacted]. Our representatives concerned are making further enquiries into the ex-Mufti's present activities.

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Activities of the ex-Mufti and his supporters.

1. Early in January 1952 HASSAN ~~SHEBLAQ~~, a Palestinian terrorist received orders from HAJ AMIN AL HUSSEINI, ex-Mufti of JERUSALEM, to proceed to GAZA. There he was to assist in recruiting volunteers from among the Arab refugees for service with the Egyptian irregular forces in the Canal Zone. SHEBLAQ ignored the order preferring to continue the more profitable work of contractor on road works in South Lebanon.
2. ARAB HIGHER EXECUTIVE (A.H.E.)
 - (a) The ex-MUFTI co-opted in late December 1951 HAJ HOUSSA ~~SURANI~~ of GAZA and (SHEIKH) ~~TAUFIQ~~ ~~SURANI~~ of BEIRUT, both Palestinians, to the A.H.E.
 - (b) HAJ AMIN intends to send ZIAD ~~AL-KHATIB~~ and SALEM HUSSEIN ~~AL-HUSSEINI~~, both of his CAIRO entourage, to Pakistan and Indonesia to collect funds for his use.
 - (c) ~~EMILE~~ ~~CHOURY~~ resigned (exact date not known) from the Arab Higher Executive in pique. He was incensed by the Mufti's practice of communicating direct with certain Palestinians in the Lebanon. CHOURY maintained that such instructions should have been passed through him as local representative of the A.H.E. . HAJ AMIN has summoned him to CAIRO to discuss his resignation.
 - (d) The A.H.E. in CAIRO is taking an active part in the preparations for the PEACE CONGRESS OF PEOPLES OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA shortly to be held there.

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Activities of the ex-Mufti of JERUSALEM

Haj AMIN al-HUSAINI recently invited three prominent Palestinians now living in GAZA to visit him at CAIRO. They included MUKHLIS AMR and MUSTAFA DUDIN. AMR declined the invitation but the other two accepted. The purpose of the ex-Mufti's invitation was to organize the enlistment of Palestinian refugees from the GAZA area in the Egyptian "liberation" forces.

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